

The following information is based upon information provided by the Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia, in February 2004.

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PET FOOD INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Product: Pet food
- B. Country of Export: Any country
- C. Purpose: Animal feed
- D. Regulations for importation:

1. Import License

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Director General or the state director of the department of Veterinary Services Malaysia permitting the importation of such products into Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within 14 days of export and signed and endorsed by the competent veterinary authority of the country of origin giving details of the consignment (such as name and address of consignor, consignee and manufacturing facility and quantity, type and origin of raw material and products) and certifying that:

2.1 The pet food has been manufactured entirely in the exporting country, in a manufacturing facility approved and monitored by the competent veterinary authority of exporting country.

2.2 The pet food contains animal protein derived only from fish, poultry, cattle, goats and sheep. **NOTE- Malaysia has informed APHIS that animal protein derived from pork is allowed, however, product must clearly be declared (label and health certificate) as containing such materials.**

2.3 The country of export is free from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie or in case the country is not free from BSE and scrapie, no cattle, sheep and goat products have been used to manufacture the pet food. **Note- no US origin cattle or sheep products may be included.**

2.4 The manufacturing facility is located within a zone free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

2.5 The products are rendered microbiologically clean and safe for animal consumption.

2.6 The pet food referred to in the certificate has been subjected to one of the following methods of sterilization, or any other equivalents methods that would ensure destructions of HPAI virus.

Dry pet food

i. Processed by a combination of steam and hot water at atmospheric pressure for a period exceeding one minute up to 105 centigrade followed by further processing and mechanical shear to elevate the product to 105 centigrade at approximately 21 Kilograms per square centimeter for forty five to sixty seconds. The products are then subjected to dry heat to approximately 150 degree centigrade for a period greater than sixteen (16) minutes or

ii. Ingredients of animal origin have been heat treated under a minimum of 116 degrees centigrade for 20 minutes under atmospheric pressure. These ingredients are then combined with cereal and other ingredients and subjected to heat treatment both by the extrusion process which heats the product to a minimum of 116 degrees centigrade for 15 seconds under pressure of 16 Kilograms per square centimeter. The product is then subsequently dried to a minimum of 116 degrees centigrade for 28 minutes under atmospheric pressure.

Canned products

Canned products have been manufactured according to standard canning processing technique and have been subjected to a temperature of not less than 116 degrees centigrade for a period of not less than 15 minutes.

2.7 Every precaution is taken to prevent contamination after the products are treated and processed.

2.8 The analysis made by the state veterinary services on samples taken in factory did not show any salmonella or any other pathogenic organism. **Note: Exporters should present to Veterinary Services, laboratory results for each lot of material to be certified, showing a negative salmonella test result.**

2.9 The products were packed and sealed directly into sterilized airtight packing/bags at the manufacturing plant. **Note: Packaging materials used for pet foods are not “sterile” so this statement cannot be made, as is. Recommend amending to say “The products were packed and sealed directly into new, clean containers or packages at the manufacturing plant.”**

3. Labeling requirement.

The list of raw materials or ingredients and the nutritional data should be clearly recorded on the packing or bag and labeled as pet food.

4. Application and inquiries

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